

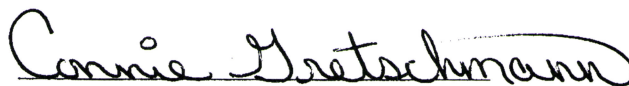
**2017 Annual Report**  
**South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission**

The Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission hereby files this report with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of reviewing possible violations of the code of ethics for teachers. When the Commission determines that cause exists to believe a teacher has violated the code of ethics, the Commission holds a contested case hearing. Ultimately, the Commission may reprimand or recommend a disciplinary action against a member of the teaching profession, if the Commission determines that the teacher violated the code of ethics established under SDCL 13-43-25 and ARSD 24:08:03. If the Commission determines that proceedings to revoke or suspend the certificate of a teacher should be instituted, the Commission files a written complaint with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

During calendar year 2017, the Commission received three complaints. The Commission met on two occasions and reviewed one complaint filed in 2016, which was pending at the end of 2016, and two complaints filed in 2017; the third complaint filed in 2017 was not received in time for review in 2017. The Commission requested more information from the two complaints received during 2017, and held one contested case hearing in 2017. The Commission issued a private reprimand on the 2016 complaint. Three complaints remain pending at the end of 2017.

Dated: March 2, 2018

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Connie Gretschmann".

Connie Gretschmann, Chairman  
Professional Teachers Practices & Standards Commission